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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The measure is a re-filed version of House Bill 2987 that was eventually approved by the House as House Bill 6343 on January 25, 2016 and transmitted to, and received by the Senate on January 27, 2016 in the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress.

This bill seeks to designate July 22 of every year as Araw ng Claveria and a special non-working holiday in the said municipality of the province of Misamis Oriental.

Claveria town is endowed with rolling hills and mountains, vast farms of food and forage crops, and lush forests. The town has 24 barangays and is the largest among the 24 municipalities in Misamis Oriental, occupying almost one-third of the total land area of the province. It is blessed with wonderful scenery and abundant resources for its people.

Historically, Claveria was under the Municipal District of the province of Bukidnon. Upon the passage of Act No. 2968 (otherwise known as the Artadi Law), Claveria was separated from Bukidnon and was ceded to the province of Misamis Oriental on February 21, 1921. At this time, Claveria was placed under the administrative control of the Municipal District of Balingasag.

Claveria attained its stature as an independent municipality on July 22, 1950 by virtue of an Executive Order (E.O.) No. 334 issued by then President Elpidio Quirino.

Today, Claveria is a first class municipality and a fast-developing agricultural town with immense development potentials. As a producer of high value crops, it is an agro-processing center of Northern Mindanao and a future ecotourism destination in Misamis Oriental.

The immediate passage of this bill – that shall definitely reward and inspire the people of Claveria for their continuing efforts for progress – and is thus earnestly sought.

*Approved,*

  
REP. JULIETTE T. UY  
2<sup>nd</sup> District, Misamis Oriental

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DECLARING JULY 22 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING  
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLAVERIA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS  
ORIENTAL IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY TO BE  
KNOWN AS "ARAW NG CLAVERIA"

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

**SECTION 1.** July 22 of every year is hereby declared as a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Claveria, Province of Misamis Oriental in commemoration of its founding anniversary to be known as "Araw ng Claveria".

**SECTION 2.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*